

REMARKS

A number of claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,237,648 issued to Mills and U.S. Patent 6,882,793 issued to Fu. The Mills reference teaches a method and apparatus for editing a video recording by selecting and displaying video clips. As illustrated in Fig. 2 of Mills, during the editing process only a single video clip frame sequence can be displayed at a time and must be related to the video information being displayed in the video window 20 (at column 5, first paragraph).

In contrast, the invention provides for creating a first and second video montage each of which can be displayed simultaneously where the first and second video montage are different than that provided by the DVD thereby affording a user the ability of directly comparing the two video montages prior to selecting one as a final cut to be stored on a DVD in any order desired, for example.

More specifically, claim 1 recites

A method for compiling and displaying video segments from a digital video disc (DVD) into a video montage, the method comprising:

retrieving a plurality of video segments from the DVD;

ordering a first portion of the plurality of video segments to define a first video montage by a user;

ordering a second portion of the plurality of video segments to define a second video montage by the user, wherein the ordering of the first and second portions of the plurality of video segments of first video montage and the second video montage, respectively, are different than the original ordering of the video segments from the DVD and

displaying the first and the second video montage simultaneously on a display unit.

Therefore, the Applicants believe that claim 1 is not rendered obvious by Mills in view of Fu and request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection thereof and all claims dependent thereon. Claim 15 recites essentially the same limitations as claim 1 and is also believed to be allowable.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. GENSP030).

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